

D¹ said dimensionally stable film controlling the melt-flow behavior of said melt-flowable composition to substantially confine said melt-flowable composition to said desired area of said surface; and

(c) allowing said article to cool while substantially retaining said surface topography of said film.

A version marked up to show changes made to the claim(s) relative to the previous version of the claim(s) is attached.

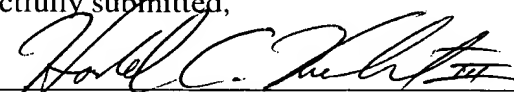
REMARKS

Claim 6 has been amended in accordance with the Decision on Appeal that was rendered from the appeal of a final rejection in this case, by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. In a telephone conference with the undersigned, Examiner Gallagher indicated that the parent application had not been abandoned and that the filing of this CPA would be timely. Therefore, examination and consideration of the application as amended is requested.

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Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

6. (Amended) A method for modifying the surface of a substrate comprising the steps of:

(a) placing on said surface an article comprising (i) a melt-flowable composition and (ii) a dimensionally stable film for controlling the melt-flow behavior of said melt-flowable composition, such that said melt-flowable composition contacts said surface,

said film having a [pre-selected] surface topography;

(b) heating said article to cause said melt-flowable composition to flow over and substantially cover a desired area of said surface to adhere said article to said surface,

said dimensionally stable film controlling the melt-flow behavior of said melt-flowable composition to substantially confine said melt-flowable composition to said desired area of said surface; and

(c) allowing said article to cool while substantially retaining said [pre-selected] surface topography of said film.